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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas Z. Fu et al. : Group Art Unit: 1774

Serial No.: 09/867,227 : Examiner: Dicus, T.

Filed: May 29, 2001

Title: **SPECIALTY MICROPOROUS FILMS AND
LAMINATED MEDIA WITH APPLICATIONS
IN INK JET AND DIGITAL PRINTING**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application, which response was due on November 3, 2002. In a petition filed concurrently herewith, the Applicants have requested a two-month extension of time, until January 3, 2003, to file this response.

REMARKS

In the action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 1-6, 15-24, and 34 (Group I) drawn to "an ink media"; and claims 7-14 and 25-33 (Group II) drawn to a method of making "a printed ink media". In support of the restriction requirement, the Examiner states: "In the instant case the ink media of Group I can be made by first blending the polymers in a blender prior to extruding them".

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-6, 15-24, and